

## ARREARS OF P.F. IN MAHARASHTRA

371. **SHRIMATI SAIYAVATI DANG :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the yearwise arrears of Provident Funds of the mines in coalfields near Nagpur in Maharashtra for the last five years;

(b) whether any of the mines belong to individuals, partnership firms or private limited companies or closely-held companies, and

(c) if so, the action taken for the realisation of the P.F. dues?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIKAR) :** (a) to (c) Information is being collected. It will be laid down on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

## PROVIDENT FUND ARREARS

372. **SHRI KALYAN ROY :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state whether nearly Rs. 31 lakhs of Coal Mines Provident Fund contributions which have not been deposited by the managements of Patmohana Damoda and Western Kajora coal mines, have since been realised; if not, what is the total amount which has been collected so far?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIKAR) :** The Coal Mines Provident Fund authorities have reported as under:—

Total dues outstanding from Patmohana, Damoda and Western Kajora Collieries as on 31.3.1972 were Rs. 30.8 lakhs. The dues amounting to Rs. 30.8 lakhs were approximate as final assessment for a portion of the period of default was not then complete. Final assessment has now been completed upto April, 1972 in respect of Patmohana Colliery, upto August, 1972 in respect of Damoda Colliery and upto June, 1972 in respect of Western Kajora Colliery. The total amount outstanding from these three coal mines for the period upto which

assessment has been completed as stated above comes to Rs. 42.89 lakhs out of which Rs. 9.88 lakhs have been recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 33.01 lakhs.

## TERRORISTS ACQUIRING ATOM BOMBS

373. **SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA, SHRI J. S. THAKUR, SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR, SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH MUSAMIR, SHRI KRISHAN KANT, SHRI V. B. RAJU :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the warning given by Scientists at the recent Pugwash conference' to the effect that mafia or the Black September group of Arab Terrorists might hold the world to ransom with their own atom bombs, and

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment of the situation?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :** (a) Government have seen the statement issued by the Pugwash Conference' recently which includes the following —

"There is a danger to some degree already present, that processed fissile materials in storage or in transit may fall into the hands of irresponsible, possible criminal or fanatical groups. The need for ensuring the physical protection of fissile material, by both international and national means, must be strongly emphasized"

(b) Government are cognisant of the need for ensuring the physical protection of fissile materials. In particular, the possibility of pilferage or unauthorised use of such materials is one of the dangers inherent in the continued manufacture and stock piling of nuclear weapons by the Nuclear Weapons Powers. Government, therefore, have continued to press for effective measures of nuclear disarmament as the only means to averting such a danger.